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SUBJECT: AFL-CIO INVITATIONS TO EUROPEAN LABOR LEADERS

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1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF WHAT WE HAVE HEARD FROM
VARIOUS SOURCES ON THE EUROPEAN LABOR LEADERS' REACTION
TO GEORGE MEANY'S INVITATION TO MEET IN WASHINGTON
ON 28 OCTOBER:

(A) WHILE PLEASED BY THE INVITATION MOST LABOR LEADERS
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WONDER WHETHER THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO GO ABOUT

ORGANIZING THE MEETING, ESPECIALLY SINCE THEY WILL ALL BE RETURNING FROM THE ICFTU/CONGRESS AND THEREFORE A PROBLEM OF ICFTU SENSITIVITY IS UNAVOIDABLE.

(B) SOME LABOR LEADERS ARE EAGER TO MEET WITH GEORGE MEANY BUT WOULD PREFER TO DO SO IN PRIVATE AND NOT IN THE PRESENCE OF OTHERS. THIS ATTITUDE LIES BEHIND SOME REPLIES TO THE INVITATION WHICH SUGGEST DATES OTHER THAN 28 OCTOBER.

(C) SOME LABOR LEADERS, AND ESPECIALLY THE DGB (FRG) AND THE SCANDINAVIANS, ARE DELAYING RESPONSE BECAUSE OF THEIR WISH TO CONSULT WITH THEIR COLLEAGUES IN THE ICFTU COUNCILS.

(D) THE INITIAL REACTION OF THE ICFTU WAS RATHER CRITICAL, BUT ON SECOND THOUGHT THE ICFTU SECRETARY GENERAL OTTO KERSTEN CONCLUDED THAT THIS MAY BE AN OPPORTUNITY NOT TO BE MISSED AND IS SOLICITING AN INVITATION FOR HIMSELF AS WELL.

2. ALL IN ALL THE BASIC REACTION TO THE INVITATION WAS THAT IT REPRESENTED AN IMPORTANT INITIATIVE ON THE PART OF AFL-CIO. THE FOREGOING HESITATIONS AND WONDERINGS RESULTED FROM THE FACT THAT THE RECIPIENTS OF MEANY'S LETTER HAD NOT BEEN PREPARED IN ADVANCE FOR IT AND THE MECHANISM FOR CONSULTING AMONG THEMSELVES WAS NOT READILY AVAILABLE.

3. COMMENT: FROM THE PARIS VANTAGE POINT WE HAVE BEEN WELCOMING EVERY NEW EVIDENCE OF AFL-CIO INTEREST IN EUROPEAN LABOR AND REDISCOVERY BY AFL-CIO OF ITS POTENTIAL FOR LEADERSHIP IN THE OLD CONTINENT.
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